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Applicants: MAKINO et al

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Serial No.: 10/656,334

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Filed: September 8, 2003

For: Vacuum Processing Apparatus

Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: K. Moore

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)
 Commissioner For Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 10, 2006

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed August 10, 2005.

A payment in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 648.43120X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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